

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 11/21/00
Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2000-107**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ACCELERATED TRANSPORTATION GENERAL
OBLIGATION BONDS FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS USING FUTURE
FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUNDS TO REPAY THE DEBT**

- WHEREAS,** the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 expanded the types of bond-related costs that could be financed with federal highway funds; and
- WHEREAS,** the federal Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) increased annual funding for states and states can now use a portion of those funds for debt-financing; and
- WHEREAS,** projects which are eligible for federal highway funds and contained in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) are eligible for bond financing;
- WHEREAS,** bond financing allows a project to be built sooner which is more cost-effective by avoiding cost increases resulting from inflation;
- WHEREAS,** by delivering a project earlier than would otherwise be possible, bond financing also provides greater benefit to the public (e.g., increased safety, less traffic congestion and delays, and increased economic output); and
- WHEREAS,** such bonding may eliminate the need for general funds by using investment earnings on bond proceeds to meet federal match requirements; and
- WHEREAS,** such transportation bonding will maintain Alaska and the peninsula's construction industry's capacity to design and build; and
- WHEREAS,** an improved road system has been a consistent high priority to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly; and
- WHEREAS,** DOTPF has indicated \$15 million of the bond package would be spent on the Kenai Peninsula;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports the legislature placing on the ballot the question of use of general obligation accelerated transportation bonding for projects qualifying for federal aid to expedite highway construction projects and the associated benefits within the State of Alaska and the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

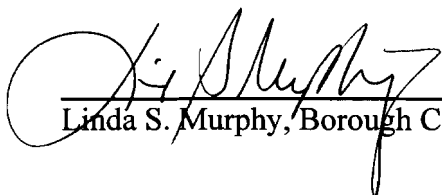
SECTION 2. That a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 21ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2000.


Timothy Navarre, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

